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In re Application of: Brock, et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

This paper is in response to the final Office Action of 22 December 2008 for the above-identified application. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application, and requests reconsideration and further examination in view of the following:

- **Amendment to the Claims**, in the claim listing beginning on page 2 of this paper; and
- **Remarks**, beginning on page 11 of this paper.